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S24	2	S S21 AND S22 AND S23
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S26	57	S S21 AND S22:S23
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**Digital storage system with alternating
deferred updating of mirrored storage discs - writes updated
blocks to disc in write mode in pre-sorted order while
guaranteed read performance is provided by other disc**

Patent Assignee: INT BUSINESS MACHINES CORP (IBMC)

Inventor: DIAS D M; POLYZOIS C A; BIDE A K; BNIDE A K

Number of Countries: 018 Number of Patents: 010

Patent Family:

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CA 2125201	A	19950224	CA 2125201	A	19940606	199521	
BR 9403306	A	19950620	BR 943306	A	19940822	199531	
US 5432922	A	19950711	US 93110467	A	19930823	199533	
EP 642081	A3	19950322	EP 94111044	A	19940715	199543	
CN 1102896	A	19950524	CN 94114809	A	19940725	199726	
SG 42854	A1	19971017	SG 96149	A	19940715	199751	
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Digital storage system with alternating

-deferred updating of mirrored storage discs...

...writes updated blocks to disc in write mode in pre-sorted

order while guaranteed read performance is provided by other disc

...Abstract (Basic): The fault tolerant disc storage subsystem has a

mirrored pair of discs for storing data blocks in **duplicate** on both discs. A controller temporarily accumulates data blocks from the computer system in a memory until **storage**. The controller schedules the **stored** blocks in an **order** for efficient **writing** to the discs. The discs operate in opposite phase such that when one is in...

...Data is written from the memory onto the **first** disc during a **first** period and then copied onto the **second** disc from the **first** during a **second** period. A **requested** data block is read from either the memory or one of the discs. The data...

...Abstract (Equivalent): system uses a mirrored pair of disks (300) for storing digital data blocks (221) in **duplicate**. A disk controller (200) has a memory (220) and includes a device for temporarily accumulating a number of data blocks provided as separate writes before **storage** in **duplicate**. Each block stored on only one disk is identified and the accumulated data blocks sorted into an **order** for efficient **write** onto disks in various batch runs. A **first** mode of operation uses one disk in write-only mode and the sorted accumulated data...

...mode and write commands from the computer system (100) are received into the memory. The **second** mode of operation uses one disk in write-only mode and the other in read-only mode. The system operates in the **first** mode during spaced **time intervals** and in the **second** during at least a portion of the **time** between the spaced **time intervals**. A requested data block is provided to the computer system from the memory if it...

...tolerant. High performance for random disk I/O. Increased throughput without degradation in read response **time**. Guaranteed performance during fast recovery **period**.

...Title Terms: **STORAGE**;

International Patent Class (Main): **G06F-003/06**...

...**G06F-011/08**...

...**G06F-011/20**...

...**G06F-012/00**...

...**G06F-012/16**...

...**G06F-013/10**...

...**G06F-015/00**

International Patent Class (Additional): **G06F-011/16**...

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**Data transfer control system for virtual machine - has
memory for data transfer priorities of each virtual
machine, queuing device for requests between main and
external storage, transfer length limiter,
request generator, and remaining transfer length calculator**

Patent Assignee: FUJITSU LTD (FUIT)

Inventor: SAITO M

Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001

Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
US 5257386	A	19931026	US 91679853	A	19910403	199344 B

Priority Applications (No Type Date): JP 9090590 A 19900405

Patent Details:

Patent No	Kind	Lan	Pg	Main IPC	Filing Notes
US 5257386	A		15	G06F-009/30	

... has memory for data transfer priorities of
each virtual machine, queuing device for requests between
main and external storage, transfer length
limiter, request generator, and remaining transfer
length calculator

...Abstract (Basic): The data transfer control system includes a
storage device for **storing** at least **transfer**
priorities of each of the virtual machines. A queuing device
makes a **queue** of data transfer **requests** which
request data transfers between the **main storage**
and the external **storage** and are received from operating systems
which operate on each of the virtual machines. A **limiting** device
is coupled to the **storage** and queuing devices for
limiting a **transfer** data length of one data
transfer which is requested by each data **transfer** request
in the **queue** of the queuing device depending on the
transfer priority of the virtual machine from which the
data transfer request is received, so that a data transfer is made in
divisions if the requested **transfer** data length exceeds a length
limit determined by the **transfer priority**.

...A generating device coupled to the **limiting** device produces a
first data transfer request in place of each operating

system with the **transfer** data length determined by the **limiting** device so as to start a **first** data transfer between the **main storage** and the external **storage**.

A calculator is coupled to the generator for calculating a data length of a remaining transfer data which remains to be transferred when the **first** data transfer is completed and for automatically generating a **second** data transfer **request** **requesting** transfer of the remaining transfer data. The **second** data **transfer request** is inserted in the **queue** of the queuing device so that the remaining transfer data is transferred between the **main storage** and the external **storage** in one or a number of **second** data transfers

...Title Terms: **MAIN**;

International Patent Class (Main): **G06F-009/30**

Manual Codes (EPI/S-X): **T01-F05...**

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**Store queue for tightly coupled multiple
processor configuration - has several write buffers for storing
instructions and data from second level store queue prior to
storage in second level of cache**

Patent Assignee: INT BUSINESS MACHINES CORP (IBMC); IBM CORP (IBMC)

Inventor: GREGOR S L; LEE G S

Number of Countries: 007 Number of Patents: 006

Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
EP 329942	A	19890830	EP 89100716	A	19890117	198935 B
BR 8900552	A	19891017				198947
US 5023776	A	19910611	US 88159016	A	19880222	199126
CA 1315896	C	19930406	CA 588790	A	19890120	199319
EP 329942	B1	19950426	EP 89100716	A	19890117	199521
DE 68922326	E	19950601	DE 622326	A	19890117	199527
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**Store queue for tightly coupled multiple
processor configuration...**

**...has several write buffers for storing instructions and data from
second level store queue prior to storage in second
level of cache**

**...Abstract (Basic): The multiprocessor system includes a system of
store queues and write buffers in a
hierarchical first level and second level memory
system including a first level store queue (18B1)
for storing instructions and/or data from a processor (20B) of
the multiprocessor system prior to storage in a first
level of cache (18B). A second level store queue
(26A2) stores the instructions and/or data from the first**

level **store queue** (18B1) and several **write** buffers (26A2(A); 26A2(B)) for storing the instructions and/or data from the **second level store queue** prior to **storage** in a **second** level of cache. The multiprocessor system includes **hierarchical** levels of caches and **write** buffers. When **stored** in the **second** level write buffers, access to the shared **second** level cache is **requested**; and, when access is granted, the data and/or instructions is moved from the **second** level write buffers to the shared **second** level cache...

...When stored in the shared **second** level cache, corresponding obsolete entries in the **first** level of cache are invalidated before any other processor 'sees' the obsolete data and the new data and/or instructions are over-written in the **first** level of cache

...Abstract (Equivalent): A multiprocessor system having a plurality of processors including a **first** processor and at least one **second** processor, a **first** level cache connected to each processor, a single **second** level cache (26B) connected to each **first** level cache (18A, B, C) and shared by the processors, and a third level **main** memory connected to the **second** level cache, a system for queuing and buffering data and/or instructions, comprising: a **first** level **store queue** means (18B1) associated with each processor and having an input connected to its corresponding processor and connected to an input of its corresponding **first** level cache (18B) for receiving said data and/or instructions from said its corresponding processor intended for potential **storage** in said its corresponding **first** level cache and for queuing said data and/or instructions therein, each of the **first** level **store queue** means having outputs; and a **second** level **store queue** means (26A2) associated with each **first** level **store queue** means and interconnected between the output of its respective **first** level **store queue** means and an input of the single **second** level cache for receiving said data and/or instructions from said **first** level **store queue** means and for queuing said data and/or instructions therein prior to **storage** of said data and/or instructions in said **second** level cache...

...Abstract (Equivalent): A multiprocessor system includes a **system** of **store queues** and **write** buffers in two **hierarchical** level memory systems including a **first** level **store queue** for **storing** instructions and/or data from a processor of the multiprocessor system prior to **storage** in a **first** level of cache, a **second** level **store queue** for **storing** the instructions and/or data from the **first** level **store queue** and a number of **write** buffers for **storing** the instructions and/or data from the **second** level **store queue** prior to **storage** in a **second** level of cache. The multiprocessor system includes **hierarchical** levels of caches, including a **first** level of cache associated with each processor, a single

shared **second** level of cache shared by all the processors, and a third level of **main** memory connected to the shared **second** level cache...

...A **first** level **store queue**, associated with each processor, receives the data and/or instructions from its processor and stores the data and/or instructions in the **first** level of cache. A **second** level **store queue**, associated with each processor, receives the data and/or instructions from its **first** level **store queue** and temporarily **stores** the information therein. For sequential stores, the data and/or instructions are stored in corresponding **second** level write buffers. For non-sequential stores, the data and/or instructions bypass the corresponding **second** level write buffers and are stored directly in a final L2 cache write buffer. When stored in the **second** level writer buffers, access to the shared **second** level cache is **requested**.

...

...ADVANTAGE - Has increased **capacity** of **store queues**.
(77pp)

Title Terms: **STORAGE**;

International Patent Class (Main): **G06F-012/08**

International Patent Class (Additional): **G06F-009/00...**

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WPI Acc No: 2002-204205/200226

XRPX Acc No: N02-155253

Clustered computer system used for on-line transaction processing and decision support, blocks processing of write requests if write queue exceeds threshold and resumes processing if write queue is cleared below specific level

Patent Assignee: NCR CORP (NATC)

Inventor: MCDOWELL S R

Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001

Patent Family:

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Patent Details:

Patent No	Kind	Lan Pg	Main IPC	Filing Notes
US 6260125	B1	10	G06F-012/00	

Clustered computer system used for on-line transaction processing and decision support, blocks processing of write requests if write queue exceeds threshold and resumes processing if write queue is cleared below specific level

Abstract (Basic):

... A **write queue** receives **write requests** directed to disk **storages** in **primary** and **secondary** servers, where the **secondary** server receives the **requests** with specific delay. Processing of further **write requests** to disk **storage** in **primary** server and **write queue** is blocked, if **write queue** is beyond a **threshold**. If **write queue** is cleared below a lower level, processing of **write request** is resumed.

... For asynchronous disk mirroring in fault-tolerant data **storage** system used in client-server network e.g. LAN for on-line transaction processing and...

... Performs log-based reconstruction of mirror drive, and ability to check point source and target **volumes** within disk mirroring application is increased. The **asynchronous** updating of mirrored devices improves performance...

International Patent Class (Main): G06F-012/00

Manual Codes (EPI/S-X): T01-C01A...

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...T01-H01B1...

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...T01-H07C5E...

...T01-H07C5S

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**Adaptive allocation method for storage space
in data storage subsystem involves increasing and recording
storage size estimate if second amount of storage
space exceeds first amount of storage space**

Patent Assignee: INT BUSINESS MACHINES CORP (IBMC)

Inventor: CANNON D M; MARTIN H N

Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001

Patent Family:

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Patent Details:

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US 6230247	B1	11	G06F-012/02		

**Adaptive allocation method for storage space
in data storage subsystem involves increasing and recording
storage size estimate if second amount of storage
space exceeds first amount of storage space**

Abstract (Basic):

... **First** and **second** amounts of **storage space** are compared. A **storage** size estimate is decreased and **recorded** if the first amount of **storage space** exceeds the second amount of **storage space**. The **storage** size estimate is increased and **recorded** if the **second** amount of **storage space** exceeds the **first** amount of **storage space**.

... A **first** amount of **storage space** is allocated in a data **storage** subsystem. A **first** data item, stored in the data **storage** subsystem, occupies a **second** amount of **storage space**. INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are also included for the following...

...b) a data **storage** subsystem...

...For adaptive allocation of **storage space** in data **storage** subsystem connected to client station...

...Enables server or other data **storage** subsystem to efficiently

track target value despite any variations. Avoids the problems associated with the misallocation of **storage space**.

...

...The figure shows the flowchart of the operational **sequence** for adaptive **storage space** allocation

...Title Terms: **STORAGE**;

International Patent Class (Main): **G06F-012/02**

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...**T01-F05E**...

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XRPX Acc No: N96-313888

Fault tolerant computer system allowing consistent database recovery - distributes audit trail files containing audit records across arbitrary number of disk volumes, after one file is full directs records towards next file stored on different disk volume

Patent Assignee: TANDEM COMPUTERS INC (TAND)

Inventor: CARLEY W J; LYON J M; MCCLINE M C; SKARPELOS M J; VAN DER LINDEN R; LYON J A

Number of Countries: 008 Number of Patents: 006

Patent Family:

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CA 2167784	A	19960724	CA 2167784	A	19960122	199645
US 5590274	A	19961231	US 95377075	A	19950123	199707
JP 9204340	A	19970805	JP 968775	A	19960123	199741 N
US 5764879	A	19980609	US 95377075	A	19950123	199830
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US 6041420	A	20000321	US 95377075	A	19950123	200021
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... distributes audit trail files containing audit records
across arbitrary number of disk volumes, after one file is full
directs records towards next file stored on
different disk volume

...Abstract (Basic): The computer system (100) distributes audit trail

files containing audit **records** across an arbitrary number of disk **volumes** (118, 120 and 122). When one trail file becomes full, audit records are directed towards a next **audit** trail file **stored** on a **different** disk **volume**. **Storage** (124) of newly generated **audit** rotates through the disk volumes in round robin fashion...

...Full audit trail files are eventually archived and their **space** is made available for renaming and **storage** of newly generated **audit** records. The number of audit records available for on-line recovery after a failure is not **limited** to the **storage capacity** of any single disk **volume**. There is no allowance for disk access between archiving of full **audit** trail files and **storage** of newly generated **audit** records...

...ADVANTAGE - Permits disk **volumes** to be designated as overflow **audit** trail **storage** to be used in extreme circumstances, such as when operator is not available to mount tape for audit dump or there is sudden burst of audit generation causing **primary** audit trail to fill before oldest file is eligible for rename...

...Abstract (Equivalent): In a fault tolerant computing system having an **audit** generator, and a plurality of **audit** trail **storage** processes, wherein said **audit** trail **storage** processes are for storing **audit** records generated by said audit generator in **audit** files accessible to said **audit storage** processes, wherein as successive **audit** files become full, current responsibility for storing audit records generated by said audit generator is transferred by sending a message from a previously responsible **audit** trail **storage** process to a newly responsible **audit** trail **storage** process, wherein successively used **audit** files are assigned unique sequence numbers in **order**, and wherein each **audit** trail **storage** process **stores** a **sequence** number identifying a last known audit file employed by one of said **audit** trail **storage** processes for storing **audit** records, a fault tolerant method for processing messages received at a **first audit** trail **storage** process, wherein said **first audit** trail **storage** process operates as if it were already the responsible **audit** trail **storage** process, said method comprising the steps of...

...a) receiving, at said **first audit** trail **storage** process, a message from a **second audit** trail **storage** process, said message including an **audit** file **sequence** number of a next audit file for receiving audit records

...b) **extracting**, at said **first audit** trail **storage** process, said **audit** file **sequence** number from said message...

...c) comparing said received audit file sequence number to the last known

audit file **sequence** number **stored** in said **first**
audit trail **storage** process; and...

...d) upon a determination in said c) step that said received audit file
sequence number is greater than the **stored** last known
audit file **sequence** number, 1) closing the audit file identified
by the audit file **sequence** number stored by the audit file
sequence number **stored** within said **first**
audit storage process and 2) opening a new **audit**
file identified by said sequence number included within said message
for receiving **audit** records from said **first audit**
trail **storage** process...

...Title Terms: **STORAGE**;

International Patent Class (Main): **G06F-011/08**...

...**G06F-011/14**...

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Volume-to-volume copy method on DASD

storage subsystem

Patent Assignee: INT BUSINESS MACHINES CORP (IBMC)

Inventor: BLOUNT L C; MICHOD C S

Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001

Patent Family:

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Patent Details:

Patent No	Kind	Lan Pg	Main IPC	Filing Notes
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Volume-to-volume copy method on DASD

storage subsystem

Abstract (Basic):

- ... Each data set or descriptor is **copied** from **first volume** to **second volume** in **list** structure having a **copy** status set to the **first** value in the defined **copy order**, and setting the **copy** status of each data set or descriptor **copied** to **second volume**.
- ... A **list** structure defining **copy** status and **copy order** of one or more data sets or descriptors is defined in a **first volume**. A **first copy** status value is setup in the **list** structure to selected data sets or descriptors in the **first volume**. The **copy** status in the **list** structure is reset or descriptors in the **primary volume updated** during pending of **copying** work, and already **copied** to the **second volume** and repeating the **copying** work atleast once.
- INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are included for the following...
- ...a) a system having several failure independent **tracked** cyclic **storage** devices...
- ...For backup copy and recovery of data in disk **storage** subsystem, and also for tuning **backup copy** during **volume** duplexing or mirroring concurrent with host **updating**.

...

...Reduces elapsed time of establish since there are three fewer
secondary inputs-outputs. Obtains better host input, since read
is only delayed by the write to the **primary**.

...

...The figure shows flow chart of control at **storage** control unit
level for **volume** level **duplication**.

...Title Terms: **STORAGE**;

International Patent Class (Main): **G06F-012/16**

Manual Codes (EPI/S-X): **T01-C01A**...

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**Remote copy control method for large area storage
system transmits data synchronously and asynchronously between
sub-systems and provides a function for monitoring and managing
the state of data updating**

Patent Assignee: HITACHI LTD (HITA)

Inventor: HIGAKI S; NAKAMURA K; NAKANO T; OGATA M; OKAMI Y; ABEI H; KISHIRO
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JP 2003122509	A	20030425	JP 200219971	A	20020129	200339
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**Remote copy control method for large area storage
system transmits data synchronously and asynchronously between
sub-systems and provides a function for monitoring and managing
the state of data updating**

Abstract (Basic):

... Management information is exchanged by **storage**
sub-systems that do not perform data transfer functions and the data

update state is **monitored** and controlled by each **storage** sub-system. During re-synchronization following a disaster, only the **differential** between data stored in the **storage** sub-systems transmitted immediately before the disaster is transmitted.

... 1. A **storage** sub-system...

...2. A large area data **storage** system...

...The pair of logical **volumes** for **asynchronous** remote **copying** can be generated immediately, and operation of the network can be quickly resumed after a disaster. As a redundant logical volume is not required in **order** to perform remote **copying**, memory resources in a **storage** sub-system can be used more efficiently...

...Drawing is a block diagram of the **storage** system...

...Title Terms: **STORAGE**;

International Patent Class (Main): **G06F-003/06**...

...**G06F-011/20**...

...**G06F-012/16**...

...**G06F-015/16**

International Patent Class (Additional): **G06F-012/00**

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**Address allocation in computer system - CPU allocated
independent address spaces for access to main and expansion
stores**

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Number of Countries: 003 Number of Patents: 005

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**... CPU allocated independent address spaces for
access to main and expansion stores**

...Abstract (Basic): A computer comprising a central processor unit (CPU),
a **main storage** (MS), a **storage** control unit (SCU)
for controlling to read from or to write in said MS in response to an
instruction issued from said CPU, and an extended **storage** (ES)
connected with the said CPU and said SCU, wherein address **space**
specified by said CPU for reading or **writing storage** data
from or into said ES is made independent of an address space of said...

...The system comprises a CPU (11), a **main** store (31), a store
control unit (21) and an expansion store (61) which is connected to the
CPU and the **main** store. The CPU has an instruction controller
which decodes an instruction and sends information to...

...The expansion store has an intermediate **storage** facility and a
control device which **monitors** the contents of the intermediate
store and starts the read/write operation. The **storage** control
unit has an access **priority** decision device and a **second**
intermediate **storage** facility which **stores** information
selected by the access **priority** decision device. Data exchange
between **main store** and expansion store is controlled by

the CPU through its instruction control which sends information...

...Abstract (Equivalent): A computer comprising a central processor unit (CPU), a **main storage** (MS), a **storage** control unit (SCU) for controlling to read from or to write in said MS in response to an instruction issued from said CPU, and an extended **storage** (ES) connected with the said CPU and said SCU, wherein address **space** specified by said CPU for reading or **writing storage** data from or into said ES is made independent of an address space of said...

...Abstract (Equivalent): The computer system comprises a central processing unit, a **main storage**, and a **storage** control unit for controlling read-out from and writing into the **main storage**. This is in response to an instruction issued from the central processing unit. An extended **storage** is connected to the central processing unit and the **storage** control unit. The extended **storage** includes an address **space** which is independent of the address **space** of the **main storage**.

...

...The central processing unit includes an instruction control for providing the extended **storage** with an instruction of transferring data between the **main storage** and the extended **storage**. The instruction having an instruction code and an operand address consisting of a **main storage** address and an extended **storage** address

...Title Terms: **MAIN**;

International Patent Class (Additional): **G06F-009/30**...

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**Fault tolerant data storage system with
hierarchy of optical, magnetic, semiconductor disks - switches
storage of data from optical disk to alternate
storage media e.g. magnetic disk when environmental conditions do
not permit successful operation and updates optical disk with data in
magnetic disk**

Patent Assignee: UNISYS CORP (BURS)

Inventor: AMUNDSON D L

Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001

Patent Family:

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Patent Details:

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**Fault tolerant data storage system with
hierarchy of optical, magnetic, semiconductor disks...**

**...switches storage of data from optical disk to alternate
storage media e.g. magnetic disk when environmental conditions do
not permit successful operation and updates...**

**...Abstract (Basic): an input device to receive the data to be recorded in
real-time and a main storage device of a primary
class of the storage hierarchy. The main
storage device has a first set of operational
characteristics including a first level of fault tolerances for
storing received data. The main storage device includes
fault detection apparatus providing a fault signal when a predetermined
environmental condition exceeds one of the first level of fault
tolerances, thereby preventing storing the received data in the
main storage device. One first alternate
storage device of a secondary class of the storage
hierarchy has a second set of operational characteristics
including a second level, which is higher than the first
level of fault tolerances...**

...A **storage** controller coupled to the input device receives **requests** and store the received data. The controller coupled to the **main storage** device directs the recording of the received data on the **main storage** device and to receive the fault signal. The controller is also coupled to the one **first alternate storage** device to redirect the recording of the received data on the **first alternate storage** device only when the fault signal is provided by the **main storage** device, such that none of the received data is lost...

...ADVANTAGE - **Monitoring** of environmental conditions is performed by **storage** media systems, not by environmental sensors external to system...

...The **first alternate storage** device of a **secondary** class of the **storage** hierarchy and having a **second** set of operational characteristics including a **second** level of fault tolerances, the **second** level of fault tolerances being higher than the **first** level of fault tolerances, Provides cost effective data **recording** system. Has **hierarchy** of multiple classes of **storage** devices for **recording** data without any data loss due to faults resulting from operating in severe environmental conditions. Does not require establishment of predetermined error **threshold** levels in **storage** media. Uses number of mass **storage** media capable of being selected for use in response to sensed environmental condition. Operates effectively...

...Title Terms: **STORAGE;**

International Patent Class (Main): **G06F-012/16**

Manual Codes (EPI/S-X): **T01-H01C4**

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**Data storage management for network interconnected
processors - has file servers to store data files with
secondary storage for files migrated from servers and
storage server to manage data file transfer**

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**Data storage management for network interconnected
processors...**

...has file servers to store data files with secondary
storage for files migrated from servers and storage server
to manage data file transfer

...Abstract (Basic): The system is connected to a local area network (1)
and includes a **storage** server (50) that, on a demand basis
and/or on a periodically scheduled basis, audits the activity on each
volume of each data **storage** device (31-33) that is
connected to the network. Low priority data files are migrated via the
network and the **storage** server to backend data **storage**
media (61-65), and the directory resident in the data **storage**
device is updated with a placeholder entry to indicate that this data
file has been migrated to backend **storage**. When the processor
(21-22) **requests** this data file, the placeholder entry enables
the **storage** server to recall the **requested** data file to
the data **storage** device from which it originated...

...at least one volume on one of the file servers as directly accessible
additional data **storage space** for the use of the
processor to **store** data files...

...ADVANTAGE - Has **hierarchical** data **storage** to migrate lower
priority data files to backend less expensive media. Provides
automated disaster recovery data **backup** and data **space**
management...

...Abstract (Equivalent): A data **storage** management system for a
data network which functions to interconnect a plurality of file
servers...

...**secondary storage** means for storing data files migrated
from said file servers...

...**storage** server means connected to said network for automatically
managing transfer of data files, independent of said file
servers, between said plurality of file servers and said
secondary storage means...

...means for collecting a plurality of data files, that are transmitted to
said **secondary storage** means, into a transfer unit

...Title Terms: **STORAGE**;

International Patent Class (Main): **G06F-012/00**...

...**G06F-012/08**...

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International Patent Class (Additional): G06F-003/06...

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**Implicit management of computer data storage
allocation - through definition of classes of data and groups of
storage matched to applicator program's needs**

Patent Assignee: INT BUSINESS MACHINES CORP (IBMC); IBM CORP (IBMC)

Inventor: GELB J P; TYRRELL J C; TYRELL J C

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**Implicit management of computer data storage
allocation...**

**...through definition of classes of data and groups of storage
matched to applicator program's needs**

...Abstract (Basic): A computer data **storage** uses units of data (data sets, data bases etc.) to allocate **storage space** in the **storage** system based on implicit analysis of the unit of data. 'Classes' are defined for the units of data, **storage** characteristics, and life cycle management needs. '**Storage** groups' are also defined in relation to **storage** performance and management independent of individual devices...

...A **storage** allocation **request** has its parameters matched with those of the class and group **storage** definitions...

...USE/ADVANTAGE - Frees application programmer from involvement in detailed selection of **storage** system to be utilised. (24pp
Dwg.No.2/8)

...Abstract (Equivalent): A machine-effected method for enabling the

managing of data **storage** for data storable in a data **storage** system and for enabling later management of such data stored in said data **storage** system, the method comprising the machine-executed steps of: establishing and storing (16) in said data **storage** system a plurality of **storage** class definitions, each of said definitions including predetermined data **storage** performance and availability parameters; establishing and storing (17) in said data **storage** system a plurality of management class definitions, each management class definition including management parameters such as life cycle processing for handling units of data stored in the data **storage** system, these management parameters being independent of said performance and availability parameters; establishing and storing (18) in said data **storage** system **storage** group definitions each of which **list** a plurality of data **storing volumes** including operations to be performed on data **stored** in **volumes** which are in the respective **storage** groups; and establishing and storing in said data **storage** system a plurality of automatic class selection routines for respectively selecting (142, 144, 145) a one of said **storage** and management classes and one of the **storage** groups for each separately addressable unit of data to be stored in the data **storage** system wherein each of the automatic class selection routines access the respective definitions stored in the data **storage** system during each said class selection...

...Abstract (Equivalent): Units of data (data sets, data bases, etc.) are allocated data **storage space** in a data **storage** system based on implicit analysis of the unit of data. A plurality of data classes, each defining predetermined characteristics of diverse units of data, are established for the data **storage** system. A set of **storage** classes, each defining predetermined sets of **storage** performance and availability requirements are established for the data **storage** system. A set of management classes, each defining respective diverse sets of life cycle attributes for units of data are established for the data **storage** system. A set of **storage** groups, each defining diverse predetermined performance device and management available in the data **storage** system but independently of the individual **storage** devices of the data **storage** system are established. The devices are selectively assigned to **different** ones of the established **storage** groups...

...spaced allocation requested has its parameters (source, type of data, etc) matched with the data, **storage** and management classes for assignment of one each of those classes to the unit of data related to the allocation **request**. A **storage** group is also assigned. The matching of the **different** classes and group are independent of one **another**. Allocation is based upon the resulting class and group selection.

...Title Terms: **STORAGE**;

International Patent Class (Main): **G06F-017/30**

International Patent Class (Additional): **G06F-009/44...**

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Managing collection and storage of data - by
storing collected data in temporary file which when full is renamed to
another file and oldest of set of files is deleted

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Inventor: ITO T
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Managing collection and storage of data...

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...by storing collected data in temporary file which when full is renamed
to another file and oldest of set of files is deleted

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...Abstract (Basic): controller (PC) (1) used to collect data from the
    monitored plant, data is transferred to monitoring equipment (8)
    which stores the data on auxiliary storage (14). The
-   auxiliary storage contains a predefined number of work
    files. Data is transferred into a temporary file and...

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...the temporary file. The stored data from all but the temporary file may also be **extracted** to form a combined file...

...Abstract (Equivalent): A method of collecting and storing data, comprising the provision of a **storage** means (14) with a **storage capacity** corresponding to a predetermined number

N of data **storage** files and characterised in that a series of data files (42) is created by **first** storing collected data in a temporary file (40) when data collection is carried out followed by changing the temporary file (40) into one (n) of said **storage** files (42) by a renaming process; and in that said series of data files (42)...

...order from the oldest file each time data collection is carried out once said data **storage** files (42) have reached said predetermined number N...

...Abstract (Equivalent): The method of collecting and storing data involves providing a **monitoring** unit including a CPU and an electromagnetic **storage** unit. A controller collects data, at predetermined intervals, to be sent to and stored in the **storage** unit. The CPU creates a series of data **storage** files in the **storage** unit by repeating the process of **first** designating a temporary **storage** file for an **initial storage** of collected data, storing, individually, the collected data at predetermined intervals in the temporary file during data collection, and subsequently renaming the temporary file as one of the data **storage** files. The data **storage** files are available for access while the collected data is being stored in the temporary...

...The CPU indefinitely over-writes the series of data **storage** files, after the number of the files created is equal to a predetermined number by deleting data **stored** in the data **storage** files in **order**, one data **storage** file at a time, starting with an oldest file stored. The data **storage** file from which data has been deleted is redesignated as the temporary file ...

...USE/ADVANTAGE - Collects data without concerning about remaining **storage capacity**. **Stores** data whilst compilation file is being made up...

...Title Terms: **STORAGE**;

International Patent Class (Main): **G06F-005/06**...

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DATA DUAL WRITING METHOD FOR DISK CONTROLLER

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ABSTRACT

PURPOSE: To allow both driving **storage** data to be coincident with each other at high **speed** at the **time** of releasing both drives while improving dual **writing** processing performance by providing the upper **limit** value of the number of tracks, which can be stored on a disk cache and controlling writing by means of the **original** and **auxiliary** drives...
...CONSTITUTION: The upper **limit** of the number of the **copy** tracks on a cache memory 106 is set in the number of the **tracks** which can be written into the **auxiliary** disk drive 120 within restricted **interval** of **time**. When the number of the **copy** tracks is within the upper **limit** value, the **copy** tracks are **stored** in the drive 120 in a synchronizing with the completion of writing into the **original** disk drive 110. When the number exceeds the upper **limit**, the unwritten **copy** tracks of the drive 120 of the memory 106 for the number less than the upper limit value and more than an arbitrary lower **limit** value are **stored** in the drive 120 in synchronizing with the writing into the drive 110. Thus, the...
...the cache to both drives is appropriately controlled and dual writing is made efficient. Then, original and auxiliary driving storage data at the time of releasing dual writing can be speedily made coincident with each other.

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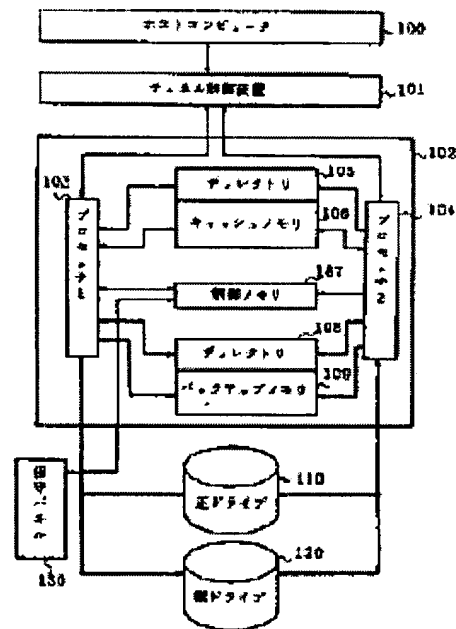
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Abstract of JP4084215

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**Cell multiplexing priority controller for slave
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apparatus connected to master system...**

**...provides cell multiplexing priority to specific buffer in which
storage amount of cells exceeds threshold value, based on remnant
cell storage capacity monitoring result**

**...Abstract (Basic): NOVELTY - Monitoring modules (116a,116b,116n)
monitors the remnant cell storage capacity of each
buffer in slave apparatus and outputs a corresponding signal.
Based on the monitoring result, the cell multiplexing priority is given
to the specific buffer in which storage amount of input cell
exceeds the threshold value...**

**...USE - For several slave apparatus connected to master
system...**

...Title Terms: SLAVE;

PREFERENTIAL MULTIPLEXER OF CELL

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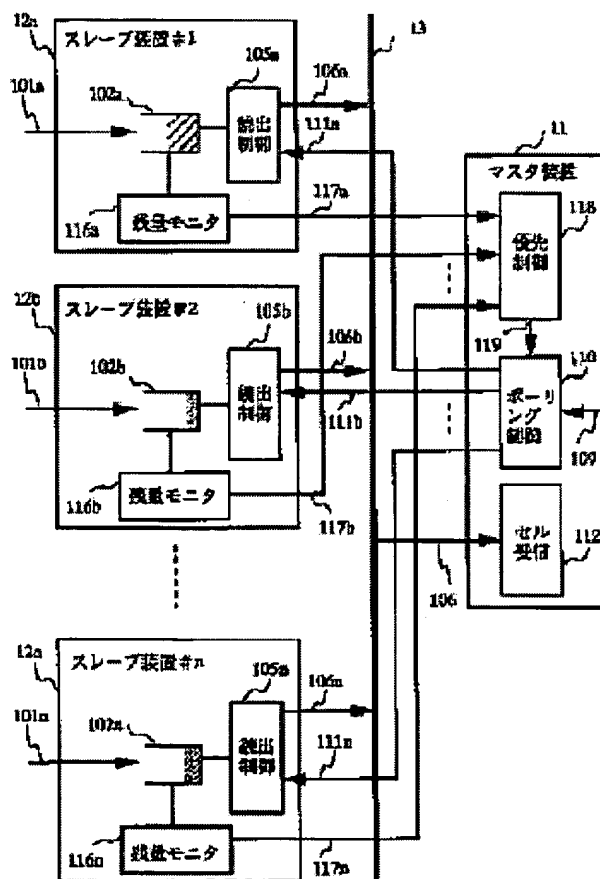
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PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To reduce delay due to multiplex for a cell in which no possibility of the cell discard and the delay in a slave device is allowed by preferentially controlling the multiplex for the slave device based on a signal from a residual amount monitor. **SOLUTION:** The number of residual cells in a buffer 102 is monitored by a residual amount monitoring circuit 116 and the number of the residual cells in the buffer is informed to a master device 11 in the slave device 12. A monitor circuit output signal 117 is received in the master device 11, one of the slave devices 12 to execute polling, for example, 12i is determined and a preferential control result 119 is transmitted to a polling control circuit 110 in a preferential-control circuit 118. An individual polling signal 111i is outputted for line slave 12i corresponding to the control result 119 in the polling control circuit 110, the cell in a buffer 102i is read by a reading control circuit 105i, cell flow 106i is transmitted to the master device 11 and the cell flow is received by a cell reception circuit 112 in the slave device 12i.



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Title: Integrated document caching and prefetching in storage hierarchies based on Markov-chain predictions

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Title: Integrated document caching and prefetching in storage hierarchies based on Markov-chain predictions

Abstract: Large multimedia document archives may hold a major fraction of their data in tertiary storage libraries for cost reasons. This paper develops an integrated approach to the vertical data migration between the tertiary, secondary, and primary storage in that it reconciles speculative prefetching, to mask the high latency of the tertiary storage, with the replacement policy of the document caches at the secondary and primary storage level, and also considers the interaction of these policies with the tertiary and secondary storage request scheduling. The integrated migration policy is based on a continuous-time Markov chain model for predicting the expected number of accesses to a document within a specified time horizon.

Prefetching is initiated only if that expectation is higher than those of the documents that need to be dropped from secondary storage to free up the necessary space. In addition, the possible resource contention at the tertiary and secondary storage is taken into account by dynamically assessing the response time benefit of prefetching a document versus the penalty that it would incur on the response time of the pending document requests. The parameters of the continuous-time Markov chain model, the probabilities of co-accessing certain documents and the interaction times between...

Descriptors: cache storage;

Identifiers: ...storage hierarchies;tertiary storage;secondary storage;primary storage;response time;continuous-time Markov chain model

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With the growing demand for storage space from storage hungry database applications, designers will have to look at a hierarchical storage based systems. Such a system will consist of primary, secondary and tertiary storage devices. Currently tertiary storage is regarded as being external to the system. In this work we look at the situation where tertiary storage is part of an information system thus creating a data warehouse system where applications are no longer constrained by storage limitations.

In this work we are interested in modeling a complex storage system and the placement of data on it. Then we use the model to estimate the I/O related cost of the joint operation, in a hierarchical storage system environment. We propose a model for a generic storage system. The model can be used in a variety of ways: as a measuring tool... ..to better serve those needs.

In this work, the model is used to create a hierarchical storage system and measure the cost of several joint algorithms. We consider the nested loop and... ..O cost. Finally, we look at methods to place fragments of a relation on the storage system such that the I/O time given a joint algorithm is under the specified acceptable time. We propose three placement algorithms aimed at reducing I/O cost. We also study the problem of placing one relation with respect to another.

We feel that the database and data warehouse community will benefit from this work in... ..manner. The proposed model will provide designers the tool to design, analyze and implement an hierarchical storage system. one that integrates tertiary memory systems and conventional information systems to produce a data...

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...continuous media services, especially in the commercial entertainment market. In this dissertation, we propose distributed hierarchical storage architecture as a promising solution to cost-effective service provisioning. The advantage of adopting a hierarchical storage architecture is its ability to assign the appropriate storage hierarchy to each file based on its the access frequency. However, success in using a storage hierarchy relies upon selecting appropriate operational parameters with a given user access profile. Our hierarchical storage system consists of primary storage, secondary storage, and tertiary storage. This dissertation analyzes the performance of the hierarchical storage system under various combinations of system attributes and develops a technique to find the minimum amount of resources in each level of hierarchies while satisfying certain operational constraints. The second part of the dissertation focuses on distributed service provisioning. Techniques are developed to exploit the geographical locality of reference and temporal locality of reference by introducing intermediate storages. Due to non-trivial network resource requirements, it is beneficial to put the data closer to the end user. To precisely compute the trade-offs between network resource consumption and storage resource cost, we develop a cost model which quantifies the aggregate resource consumption. On the... ..the cost model, an algorithm which finds the efficient way of servicing a set of requests is developed. The observations and findings from the mathematical models are validated with the simulation...

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Title: Efficient buffering for concurrent disk and tape I/O

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Abstract: Tertiary storage is becoming increasingly important for many organizations involved in large scale data analysis and data... activities. Yet database management systems (DBMS) and other data intensive systems do not incorporate tertiary storage as a first class citizen in the storage hierarchy. For instance, the typical solution for bringing tertiary resident data under the control of a DBMS is to use operating system facilities to copy the data to secondary storage, and then to perform query optimization and execution as if the data had been in secondary storage all along. This approach fails to recognize the opportunities for saving execution time and storage space if the data were accessed on tertiary devices directly and in parallel with other I/Os. We examine issues in accessing secondary and tertiary storage in parallel and suggest buffering mechanisms for increasing the throughput of applications with concurrent, intensive I/O requirements. We first identify several factors that determine the parallel I/O performance of secondary and tertiary storage devices. We discuss the performance characteristics of magnetic disks and magnetic tapes when used alone and when used concurrently, sharing the same I/O bus. We then describe alternative buffering schemes for parallel I/O and analyze their efficiency via an experimental implementation.

Descriptors: buffer storage; ... magnetic disc storage; ... magnetic tape storage; ... storage management

Identifiers: ...tertiary storage; ... first class citizen... storage hierarchy; ... query optimization... secondary storage; ... storage space; ... parallel I/O performance

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Abstract: ...used to reduce the time that it takes a Web server to respond to client **requests**, by storing the most popular files in the **main** memory of the Web server, and by reducing the **volume** of data that must be **transferred** between **secondary storage** and the Web server. In this paper, we use trace-driven simulation to evaluate the ...
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Title: Replication of multimedia data using master-slave architecture

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Abstract: Multimedia computing requires real-time guaranteed I/O throughput. Today's storage solution doesn't scale to meet the high requirement demand of multimedia. Multimedia data demands a high rate of data transaction and the storage space fills quickly. One direct method is to use the master/slave architecture where a stream of data is broken into smaller pieces and stored temporarily onto different servers. The reliability of data retrieval and consistency in performance depends on the data flow and available bandwidth. Dedicating specific servers to handle a client request and duplicating the data in the background makes not only the system reliable and simple but also ensures that the storage system is evenly filled. By replicating in-coming multimedia stream onto several servers and re-arranging it back to the original order before storing it will solve multi-user access issues. This approach will maintain system reliability and yield a faster response by using more storage units in parallel. The authors present a replication scheme for handling multimedia data that will take advantage of master/slave architecture.

Descriptors: ...storage management... ...storage units

Identifiers: ...master-slave architecture... ...storage space;client request;data duplication; ...
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Title: Continuous data block placement in and elevation from tertiary storage in hierarchical storage servers

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Abstract: Given the cost of memories and the very large storage and bandwidth requirements of large-scale multimedia databases, hierarchical storage servers (which consist of disk-based secondary storage and tape-library-based tertiary storage) are becoming increasingly popular. Such server applications rely upon tape libraries to store all media, exploiting their excellent storage capacity and cost per MB characteristics. They also rely upon disk arrays, exploiting their high bandwidth, to satisfy a very large number of requests. Given typical access patterns and server configurations, the tape drives are fully utilized uploading data for requests that "fall through" to the tertiary level. Such upload operations consume significant secondary storage device and bus bandwidth. In addition, with present technology (and trends) the disk array can serve fewer requests to continuous objects than it can store, mainly due to IO and/or backplane bus bandwidth limitations. In this paper we address comprehensively the performance of these hierarchical, continuous-media, storage servers by looking at all three main system resources: the tape drive bandwidth, the secondary-storage bandwidth, and the host's RAM. We provide techniques which, while fully utilizing the tape drive bandwidth (an expensive resource) they introduce bandwidth savings, which allow the secondary storage devices to serve more requests and do so without increasing demands for the host's RAM space. Specifically, we consider... for display purposes. We develop algorithms for sharing the responsibility for the playback between the secondary and tertiary devices and for placing the blocks of continuous objects on tapes, and show how they achieve the above goals. We study these issues for different commercial tape library products with different bandwidth and tape capacity and in environments with and without the multiplexing of tape libraries.

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...land-atmosphere interactions. These enormous amounts of data will impose tremendous demands on the underlying storage systems. To allow for the efficient storage and retrieval of such enormous amounts of data it is necessary to develop high-performance mass storage systems.

Mass storage systems consist of a hierarchy of storage media arranged in such an order as to provide a fast access, high capacity, low cost storage system. The continuous increase in user demands at scientific computing research centers for storage space forces system administrators to procure additional storage devices without access to tools for justifying such procurement. Furthermore, the plethora of available storage devices in the market with different performance characteristics makes this capacity planning process even more difficult.

This dissertation addresses this lack of tools for performance evaluation and capacity planning of hierarchical mass storage systems. Its main contributions are the development of queueing network models for both host attached and network attached device based mass storage systems. Two approximations were developed as components of this work. The first is an approximation of the performance of RAID devices in the setting of mass storage systems with multiple classes of requests. The second is an approximation of the simultaneous resource possession problem which occurs during tape to disk transfers in mass storage systems. The accuracy of both approximations was validated using process-based simulations. The third contribution of this dissertation is the development of Pythia--a tool for performance evaluation of hierarchical mass storage systems. Using the graphical user interface of Pythia, a user can easily describe the architecture of a mass storage system. The tool then automatically generates a queueing network model of the mass storage system and solves it using the modified multi-class approximate Mean Value Analysis algorithm with...